



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michael R. Smith  
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Title: Method and Apparatus for Providing Network Security Using Role-Based Access Control  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated December 5, 2006, having a shortened statutory period set to expire January 5, 2007. Accompanying this response is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a two-month extension of time, setting a new time for response to Monday, March 5, 2007.

No Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.